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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: :

Fabrice BALAVOINE : GROUP ART UNIT:

SERIAL NO.: New Application :

FILED: Herewith : EXAMINER:

FOR: METHOD FOR PRODUCING L-AMINO ACID USING BACTERIA BELONGING
TO THE GENUS ESCHERICHIA

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination on the merits please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Replace the paragraph beginning on page 35, line 16, of the specification with the following paragraph:

--The strain VL2054 has been deposited in the Russian National Collection of Industrial Microorganisms (VKPM) (Russia 113545, Moscow, 1 Dorozhny proezd, 1) on January 30, 2001 under accession number VKPM B-8067, and transferred from the original deposit to international deposit based on Budapest Treaty on February 1, 2002. --

Replace the paragraph beginning on page 37, line 9, of the specification with the following paragraph:

--The valine producing strain H-81 was transformed by the plasmid pYGAZH carrying the b2682 and b2683 genes under the control of the P_{lac} UV5 promoter. The strain H-81 has been deposited in the Russian National Collection of Industrial Microorganisms (VKPM) (Russia 113545, Moscow, 1 Dorozhny proezd, 1) on January 30, 2001 under accession number